

Marist Catholic School Herne Bay News

Issue 1, Term 3, 1 August 2018



Our Charism

As Marists, we think, judge, feel and act in the way of Mary

Our Mission

Quality learning opportunities, with Jesus Christ as our guide

Dear Families,

Welcome to the first newsletter of our third term in 2018. It is hard to believe that we are already over half way through this year! We have a very busy term ahead of us here at Marist Catholic School Herne Bay and I look forward to sharing the fun and excitement with you here in our fortnightly newsletters.

Fr Rory and the team at both Sacred Heart and Our Lady of Perpetual Help conducted their census over the weekend. Those in attendance at any weekend Mass will have had the opportunity to fill in their details and let the combined parish know whether they were interested in joining any of the parish ministries, from children's liturgy to a cup of tea after Mass. The parishes will be collecting the census forms in until August 12, so you have time to consider how you would like to be involved, collect and send the form in when you are ready. Fr Rory encouraged anyone who is interested in a ministry such as Eucharistic Minister to seek advice if unsure of what is involved. He is happy to talk to anyone interested in any ministry.

Dads of Marist Night

When our last newsletter went out, it was the day before the Dads of Marist get together. Come Friday morning at our sharing assembly, there were a few tired looking Dads providing evidence of a great night had by all. It was great to hear that there were between 30 and 40 Dads, some old and some new faces, getting into the spirit of the evening. Thanks to Rich Hatton for hosting the evening and for all those who supported this great community event.

Hub 2 and 3 Sharing Assemblies at the end of Term 2

On Friday 29th June and then Friday 6th July Hub 2 and Hub 3 had the opportunity to share their learning from across term 2. We were entertained and informed about their learning in Religious Education, Inquiry and Art through their presentations. Here are some images from the assemblies.



Mid Year Reports and Student Led Conferences

In the last week of Term 2, Mid Year Reports went home. The format of the report was new, based on the feedback from our community consultation and work undertaken by the leadership team and staff. There will be further work on the format in an effort to make it user friendly for our teachers as well as giving families clear information about their child/rens learning.

On Thursday 26th July and Monday 30th July, we conducted our latest round of student led conferences. It is great to hear from families that they are pleased with their children's progress and ability to share their learning and the pride they take in doing so. As always, we are keen on feedback related to our reports and student led conferences. If you wish to do so, please be in touch with Louise at principal@maristschool.co.nz.

Religious Education Curriculum Parent Information Meeting

On Tuesday 24th July we offered the opportunity for parents to come along to hear about the Religious Education Curriculum and find out how to support this vital part of our curriculum at home facilitated by Margaret Fitzpatrick, the Religious Education Adviser from the Catholic Schools Office in the Auckland Diocese. With the opportunity only being two days into the term, and with a late notice time shift, this parent information event was poorly attended. We are fortunate to have the presentation that Margaret prepared and will share this in parts in our newsletter over the next few fortnights.



100 Days at School Celebrations in Hub 1

On Wednesday 25th July, our Hub 1 students celebrated being 100 days smarter! They celebrated by coming dressed as they would if they were 100 years old. Our Hub 1 teachers, Mrs Moffat and Mrs P also got into the spirit of the occasion transforming themselves for the day (Mrs Moffat was barely recognisable as a 100 year old man)! Room 2 and 3 had a shared lunch, wrote about what they were going to do between now and when they turned 100, drew pictures of themselves as 100 year olds, and brought collections of 100 items that they had found at home. The celebrations lasted all day long with some very tired 100-days-smarter children at the end of the day.



Lots of Fun at Spanish Lessons

Marianella Aguirre, our Spanish tutor comes into school for lunchtime tutoring of Spanish. Marianella loves coming to work with our children at Marist as she says that they are so energetic and eager to learn. Marianella is a native speaker and is always seeking innovative ways to engage her students. She takes her learners on a journey of discovery through



the language and culture of Spanish speaking countries with a focus on fun games and activities that enable her students to use their new language for a real purpose.

If you are interested in your child learning Spanish at school with Marianella, please contact her directly at mary@lcclubs.co.nz to find out more information. We are lucky to have her working in our school.



Baptism

Fr Rory has been approached by a number of Marist families who are interested in seeking baptism for their children. This is absolutely fabulous news and we are keen to support families in this journey as much as we can. If you are a family who are considering seeking baptism for your children (and/or yourself), please email Louise at principal@maristschool.co.nz and I will pass this information through to Fr Rory. It would be great if we can set up a group preparation and baptism opportunity if we can.

Looking Ahead

Art Night Thursday 9th August

Marist Day Wednesday 15th August – this is also the suggested teachers strike day – we will keep you informed if/when this happens.

Catholic Character External Review 29th and 30th August

90th Jubilee Celebrations as a school on Tuesday 4th September and as a Marist Community on Saturday 8th September please see invitation here.

Staffing News and Welcomes

On Monday 23rd July, the first day of Term 3 we welcomed several new staff and many new students to Marist. We welcomed Miss Hannah Paterson as our new teacher in Hub 2. Hannah has just graduated with a Masters in Education from Auckland University and we are very pleased to have her working with us in Hub 2, she has made a great start!

We also welcome Mrs Meg 'Aho, a familiar face at Marist, both as a Mum and as a teacher! Meg is working alongside Mrs Joanne Linklater in our new New Entrant class, Room 1, which opened on the first day of Term 3 with 6 students. Joanne is also a familiar and much loved teacher at Marist, who has extended her brief as Reading Recovery teacher and release teacher working alongside Meg in Room 1. What a great start for our New Entrant children.

The first day of Term 3 also saw us welcome Mr Richard Stevenson as our new Caretaker. You will see Richard around school getting stuck in around the property.

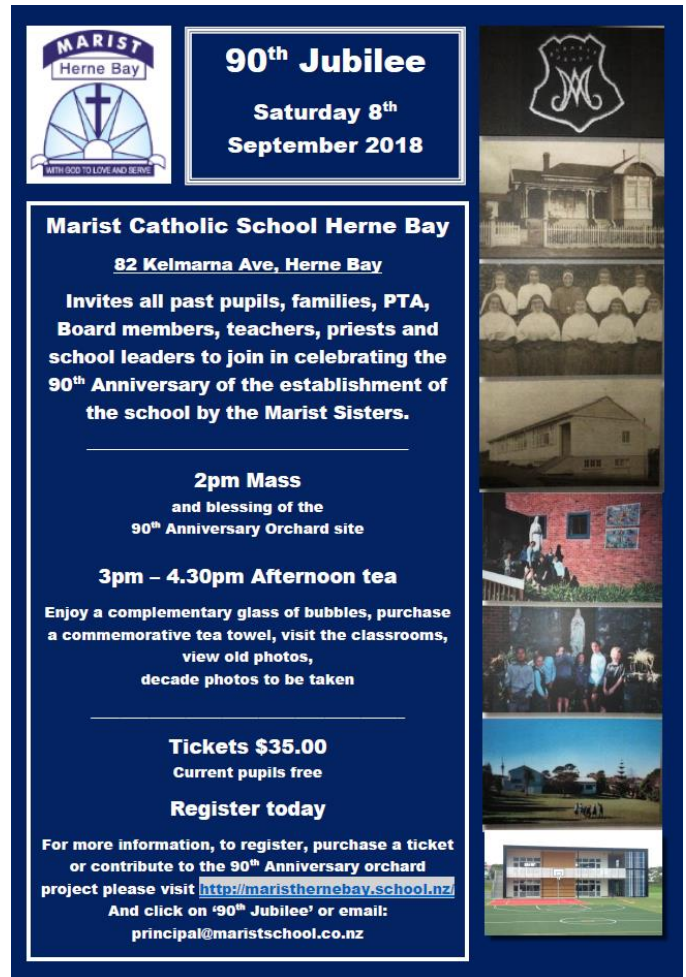
And, finally on the first day of Term 3 we also welcomed Miss Emma Alexander to our staff as a teacher aide. Emma will work alongside our two other teacher aides, Clara and Emily, providing small group and class support throughout the school.

As mentioned, we also welcomed 6 new students into our new New Entrant class. We also welcomed a new student into Hub 2 and three international students from Hong Kong. They will be learning with us for two weeks, bringing their experiences of school and life in Hong Kong to Hub 2 and 3, enriching our learning community. We welcome all of our new students and families.

Wishing you all a happy, safe and blessed fortnight ahead.

Kind regards,

Louise Campbell
Principal



The poster is a vertical rectangular invitation for the 90th Jubilee of Marist Catholic School Herne Bay. It features a dark blue background with white and gold text. At the top left is the Marist logo with a cross and the motto 'WITH GOD TO LOVE AND SERVE'. To its right, a white box contains the text '90th Jubilee', 'Saturday 8th September 2018'. Below the logo, the school's name 'Marist Catholic School Herne Bay' and address '82 Kelmarna Ave, Herne Bay' are listed. The main body of text invites past pupils, families, PTA, board members, teachers, priests, and school leaders to join in celebrating the 90th Anniversary of the establishment of the school by the Marist Sisters. It details the events: a 2pm Mass and blessing of the 90th Anniversary Orchard site, followed by afternoon tea from 3pm to 4.30pm. The tea includes a complimentary glass of bubbles, commemorative tea towels, visits to classrooms, viewing old photos, and decade photos to be taken. Tickets are \$35.00, with current pupils free. A 'Register today' section provides a website link (<http://maristhernebay.school.nz>) and an email address (principal@maristschool.co.nz). On the right side of the poster, there is a vertical strip of six small photographs showing various scenes: a school building, a group of people, a school building, a group of people, a school building, and a group of people.

90th Jubilee
Saturday 8th September 2018

Marist Catholic School Herne Bay
82 Kelmarna Ave, Herne Bay

Invites all past pupils, families, PTA, Board members, teachers, priests and school leaders to join in celebrating the 90th Anniversary of the establishment of the school by the Marist Sisters.

2pm Mass
and blessing of the
90th Anniversary Orchard site

3pm – 4.30pm Afternoon tea
Enjoy a complementary glass of bubbles, purchase a commemorative tea towel, visit the classrooms, view old photos, decade photos to be taken

Tickets \$35.00
Current pupils free

Register today
For more information, to register, purchase a ticket or contribute to the 90th Anniversary orchard project please visit <http://maristhernebay.school.nz>
And click on '90th Jubilee' or email: principal@maristschool.co.nz

SPORT CORNER

Kiwisport for Term 3

This term we are excited to have Taekwon-Do for four sessions for our Year 1-6 students. Taekwon-Do is the Korean art of self-defence and the world's most popular martial art. This can help to develop a sense of self esteem and confidence. Classes are run in a disciplined manner and the children are taught to never misuse the skills they learn. The providers have a specially designed programme developed specifically for children which will teach them the fundamental skills of balance, agility and strength. This gives the students some different gross motor movements to learn and have lots of fun. Thanks to Sport Auckland for their ongoing support.



Inner City Schools Rugby League

Congratulations to Dion Langton-Fidow and Aleki Ettles-Langton who played in the Inner City Rugby League Barbarians team.

They had a fantastic day and the team had a couple of great wins. Both Marist boys got over the try line and had a great day.



Swimming Success

Two of our amazing swimmers, Luca Joint-Rotondo and Amber Pakenham, recently competed as members of the St Mary's College Intermediate swim league team. This team competed in the combined schools category. The team's manager, Seira Lepua, said "While it is fair to say that we are very lucky in the



SMC team to have some excellent swimmers, I also want to acknowledge that we would not have won the Intermediate competition overall without the amazing swimming talents of Amber & Luca. While on the books they are year 6 students, they have proved their worth on our team as they have regularly outswam year 7 and year 8 students."

Intermediate School League – OVERALL RESULTS:

1 st place	St. Mary's	2064
2 nd place	Ponsonby	2053
3 rd place	ANI	1801

Congratulations Luca and Amber, what amazing contribution and success!

DID YOU KNOW



Teacher Strike Action currently planned for Wednesday 15th August

On 15th August teachers around New Zealand are planning to take strike action. This morning we were informed that the members of NZEI, the primary teachers union have voted to strike for the full day should strike action come to pass. Between now and then, negotiations will continue and we may find that the planned strike action does not go ahead, however we will keep you informed as the time approaches. It is important families understand the reasoning behind this planned action.

It is the first time in 24 years that teachers have felt they need to stand firm for conditions of work and pay to secure our children's future positive experiences in the education system.

The main reasons contributing to the decision, at this stage, to strike are around providing positive working conditions to attract and retain our teachers, so they have more time to teach and so we have a truly inclusive school system where all children can learn and thrive.

We hear statistics like there are 40% less teacher graduates in the last 5 years, yet our student numbers are growing rapidly. We also hear that a large proportion of teachers who train leave the profession within the first 5 years of

teaching. The quality of teaching is the single biggest in-school impact on children's progress and achievement, so it's important we continue to attract high quality people into the teaching profession.

Schools are also facing a desperate need for more resourcing for increasing numbers of children with additional learning needs. Budget 2018 saw a welcome increase in resourcing for children with additional needs, (for example extending ORS funding to a further 250 children a year) but resourcing needs to be ratcheted up so that thousands, not hundreds get the support they need.

We don't want to end up with larger class sizes, children with their learning needs unmet and teachers leaving the profession simply because schools aren't resourced to do the best job they can. These issues can only be solved by providing schools with more staffing and more resourcing, and by ensuring we make teaching an attractive profession to join — and stay in.

At Marist we have experienced the challenge of recruiting in the current market recently. Finding great teachers is very difficult reflecting the fact that we are in the midst of a major teacher shortage currently.

I hope this helps explain why teachers have chosen the possibility of strike action and if a negotiaion is not reached before August 15th our school community will support our teachers on this day.

At last nights Baord meeting the Board of Trustees voted to close the school for the duration of the strike as health and safety of our students is paramount and keeping the school open with a small number of staff and reduced leadership is not in the best interests of our children. We have been in touch with Kelly Club and they have confirmed that they will be offering their services to those families who require it should the strike go ahead from 7am to 6pm on the day.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Rico McWilliams and his family on the safe arrival of a new baby sister. Ana arrived on 13.7.18

Congratulations to Honey and Lola Mantell and to their Mum Sophia, all of whom are getting baptised 11 August.



Congratulations to the following MVP winners:

29 June

Lizzy Rozells
Charlotte Mirana
Elijah Leaoasavaai
Genevieve Kirkby-Swain
Oscar Gillespie
Matisse Van der Veer
Sina Murphy
Freddie hatton
Jackson Pardoe

6 July

Honey Zhu
Clara Young
Lauren Van der Veer
Olivia Millard
Grace marshall
Nevaeh-Rose Ford
Toby McIntyre
Miller Van Arts

26 July

Hub 1 for a fabulous 100 days of Learning
Sofia McCracken
Olivia He
Ivy Watson
Roman Dunbar
Santiago Leano
Billy Simpkins
Benjamin Murray

BIRTHDAYS

Seron Stanley 1 July
Louis Higgins 2 July
Chrissy-Jon Leaoasavaai 4 July
Lazarus Heyes 6 July

Amber Pakenham
Cassie Parke
Lola Mantell
Noah Stanway

2 July
3 July
5 July
10 July

Coco Monreal	11 July
Henry Ryan	11 July
Naea Williams	14 July
Sebastian Drake	21 July
Ruby Dobrec	29 July

Augustino Petersen	11 July
Roman Dunbar	13 July
Joseph Robertson	14 July
James Williams	21 July
Patrick Innes	29 July

BEREVEEMENTS



We send our thoughts and prayers to the family of Nixon Stubbs who lost his Aunty Claire last week.

May eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

ADVERTISEMENTS

I'm happy to announce that Spanish Club for **ADVANCED STUDENTS** will start at Marist Herne Bay on 1st of March 2018.

The Club will take place at lunch time from 1:15 pm to 1:45pm.

If there are any queries or questions at any time, please do not hesitate to contact me.

***A minimum of 6 children is required**

mary@lcfclubs.co.nz
Small groups (minimum of 6/10)

Fun Languages offers an opportunity for children to learn Spanish with our native speaker Marianella. The main focus is on spoken Spanish, the children taking part in fun games and activities with emphasis on immersion. Children are taken on a journey of discovery through the language and culture of Spanish speaking countries.

For more details take a look at the content of our lessons <https://lcfclubs.co.nz/spanish-for-kids/>

Options: Morning time 60 mins \$20.00
Lunch time 45 mins \$15.00
After school 60 mins \$20.00

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MUSIC SCHOOL

CREATING MUSICAL EXPERIENCES SINCE 1884

We offer group and one-on-one lessons on piano, guitar, keyboard and ukulele. Woodwind, strings and brass will also be offered should there be sufficient demand. For year 1s and 2s - Musical Jam, our fun, instrumental prep programme is a great way to get started.

To enrol for lessons at school, please visit www.lewiseady.co.nz

Irish Dancing

Katherine Kelly is returning on Thursday lunchtimes to take Irish Dancing classes. She is starting a beginners class at lunch time starting on the 8th of February.

If you are interested in your child/ren learning Irish Dancing please be in touch with Katherine on katkelly.walton@gmail.com

INSPIRING, CREATIVE ART WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN, TEENS AND ADULTS

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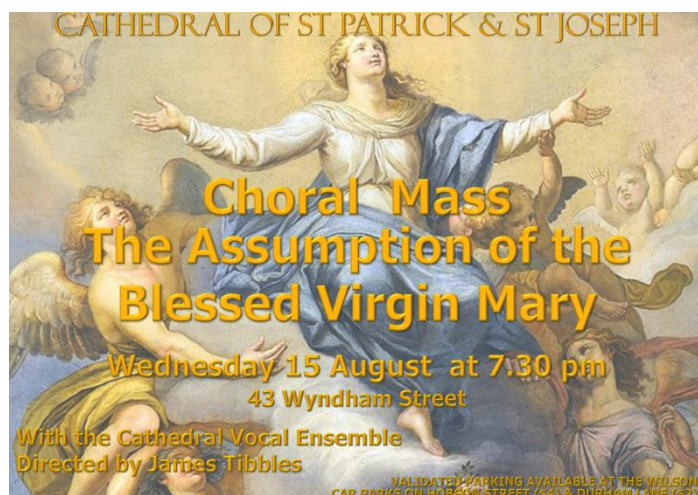
ART CLASSES AFTER SCHOOL AT MARIST HERNE BAY - spaces still available!

Looking for a creative outlet for your child? Quality, artist led art classes for children aged 6 - 13 will continue this term on TUESDAYS, starting in week 2.

A supervised afternoon tea 3pm - 3.30pm, workshop 3.30pm - 5pm.

For more info and to book

<http://www.creativematters.co.nz/artworkshops-for-children.html>



KELLY CLUB



Kelly Club is excited to be at Marist Catholic School to run our Before and After care and holiday programmes. At Kelly Club we provide quality childcare in safe and fun surroundings. Our friendly staff are passionate about working with children and are comprehensively trained on behaviour management techniques, first aid and activity planning/delivery.

Our Programmes are focused around sports, cooking, art and craft activities as well as structured 'free-time' after a busy day at school. These activities will be incorporated into themed subjects each week that give children the opportunity to extend their learning outside of the school classroom. All Kelly Club programmes are MSD approved and WINZ subsidies will apply.

Kelly Club operate from 7am on school days. If you need to drop your child at school prior to 8.20am they will be sent to Kelly Club and families will be charged for this service. Kelly Club operate in the afternoon from 3.00pm to 6.00pm.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ✓ Friday 3rd August - Soccer Taster Day
- ✓ Thursday 9th August - Art Exhibition
- ✓ Thursday 9th August - Rugby/Rippa
- ✓ Monday 13th August – Maths Week
- ✓ Tuesday 14th August – ICAS Maths Exam
- ✓ Wednesday 15th August – Marist Day
- ✓ Wednesday 15th August – Teachers Proposed Strike
- ✓ Thursday 23rd August – ICS Soccer
- ✓ Wednesday 29th August – Catholic Character Review
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- ✓ Tuesday 4th September – Marists 90th Jubilee
- ✓ Tuesday 4th September – Multicultural Day
- ✓ Thursday 6th September - Marist Festival of Language Finals 1.30 – 3 pm

TERM DATES 2018

- ✓ 2018 Term 1: 31 January – 13 April
- ✓ 2018 Term 2: 30 April – 6 July
- ✓ 2018 Term 3: 23 July – 28 September
- ✓ 2018 Term 4: 15 October – 14 December

SPECIAL CHARACTER

SACRED HEART PARISH
16 VERMONT STREET, PONSONBY

Weekly Mass Times:

Sunday: 10.30 am (includes children's liturgy)

Vigil: 5pm Saturday

Monday to Thursday: 8.00am

Friday: 12.00 noon

Saturday and Public Holidays: 8.00am

Confessions:

Friday: 11:30am to 11:55am

Saturday: 4:15pm to 4:45pm

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH
82 KELMARN AVE, HERNE BAY

Weekly Mass Times:

Sunday: 8.30 am

Monday-Saturday: 7.00am